

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

The International Building Code states "No building or structure shall be used or occupied, and no change in the existing occupancy classification of a building or structure or portion thereof shall be made until the building official has issued a certificate of occupancy..."

Issuance of a certificate of occupancy shall not be construed as an approval of a violation of the provisions of the International Building Code or other ordinances of the State.

Changes in character or use of a building shall not be made except as specified by the International Building Code.

After the building is inspected and no violations are found and all permits and authorizations are in place, the Building Official shall issue a certificate of occupancy containing the following information:

- The building permit number,
- The address of the building,
- The name and address of the owner.
- A description of that portion of the structure for which the certificate is issued.
- A statement that the described portion of the structure has been inspected for the requirements of the code for the proposed occupancy classification.
- The name of the building official.
- The edition of the code under which the building was designed.
- The use and occupancy, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 3.
- The type of construction as defined in Chapter 6.
- The design occupant load.
- If the automatic sprinkler system is provided, whether the sprinkler system is required.
- Any special stipulations and conditions of the drawings.

If the Building Official or his representative finds that no substantial hazard will result from occupancy of any building or portion thereof before the same is completed, a temporary certificate of occupancy may be issued for the use of a portion or portions of a building or structure prior to the completion of the entire building or structure. All work and conditions placed on the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy must be met within the time frame indicated on the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. After that time, if all conditions have been met, a permanent Certificate of Occupancy will be issued.

The certificate of occupancy shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the

premises and shall not be removed except by the Building Official or his representative.

The Building Official may, in writing, suspend or revoke a certificate of occupancy issued under the provisions of the International Building Code or applicable State code, whenever it is deemed necessary or in the best interests of the community.